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In re Patent Application of:  
Philippe Halbin et al.

Application No.: 10/542,820

Confirmation No.: 8937

Filed: July 20, 2005

Art Unit: 2834

For: METHOD OF MOUNTING A RETAINING  
RING ON AN ELECTRIC STARTER SHAFT  
COMPRISING A STARTER DRIVE  
ASSEMBLY AND CORRESPONDING  
STARTER

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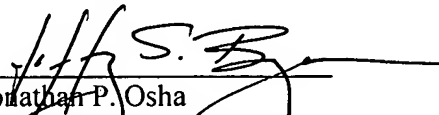
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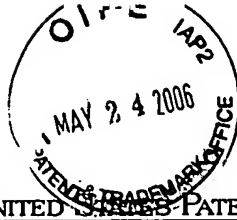
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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/FR04/00130 01/21/2004

## Foreign Applications

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**Non-Publication Request:** No

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## Title

Method of mounting a retaining ring on an electric starter shaft comprising a starter drive assembly and corresponding starter

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